

My Debt.

If all only gave
None could give:
There would be none
To receive.
If all only received
None could receive:
There would be none
To give.
He who only gives
As he only receives
Is a parasite.
A blight.
Morality
Is simply
The balance of
How much of
What
One gives
To
How much of
What
One receives.
This symbiosis
Between
My son and me:
Can it be
Moral
For all its
Warmth and
Serenity?
He asks only
Peanut butter
And
A pig-back ride,
Giving
Back
Galaxies of
Joy.

-- Robert H. Riffenburgh

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